REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 21-25 and 28-30 were pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-11, 21-25 and 28-30 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Isikoff in view of Elledge and Kunert and has indicated that Claim 12 is allowed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner on July 25, 2005 to confirm that Claims 21 and 25, which depend from allowed Claim 12 and add limitations thereto, are also allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to consider the request for confirmation and for confirming that Claims 21 and 25 are also allowed. Examiner also confirmed that method Claim 1 would be allowed if amended to include all of the limitations of allowed apparatus Çlaim 12.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of allowed Claim 12. In view of the amendment, Applicants believe that Claim 1, Claims 2-4 and 28 which depend from Claim 1 and add limitations thereto, Claim 12, and Claims 21 and 25 which depend from Claim 12 and add limitations thereto, are all in condition for allowance.

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Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request entry of the amendments, withdrawal of the rejections, and issuance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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